

Comparison of Suffolk Healthcare Administration Degree Options

Note: Please review "[10 Reasons to Choose Suffolk Healthcare](#)" in conjunction with this chart.

	MHA	MBA/Health	MPA/Health Policy
Entry Dates	September and January	September, January, and May	September, January, and May
Applicant's Experience	<p>Preferred minimum work experience: 1 year</p> <p>Applicant seeks to advance current healthcare-related career, prepare to change roles, or begin a career in healthcare.</p>	<p>Preferred minimum work experience: 1 year (average is 3-5 years)</p> <p>Applicant is successful at department level and/or in a functional area, or manages a department.</p> <p>Applicant wants to explore career options other than current functional area or industry, or to advance in current area or industry.</p>	<p>Applicant seeks to advance their health policy career, prepare to change roles, or begin a career in health policy.</p>
Program Emphasis	<p>The MHA is a broad-based degree that equips students for a wide range of professional opportunities in healthcare.</p> <p>The MHA Program prepares leaders and managers to guide nonprofit, for-profit, or voluntary healthcare organizations.</p> <p>Examples include hospitals, academic medical centers, integrated delivery systems, long-term care facilities, managed care providers, community health centers, and other health-related organizations.</p>	<p>The MBA/Health Program combines courses from the MBA Program with courses from Healthcare Administration Programs.</p> <p>It prepares leaders and managers for roles in the healthcare industry.</p> <p>Examples of employers include healthcare delivery, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical devices companies.</p> <p>Students enhance their business skills while gaining insight into specific requirements for success in the healthcare industry</p>	<p>The MPA/Health Policy concentration prepares government and nonprofit leaders and managers for roles in health-related public policy development, community-based program and project management and advocacy, and social change, within the context of the dynamic healthcare environment.</p>

		<p>nationally and internationally.</p> <p>Focus is on core aspects of business such as finance, accounting, marketing, information systems, and strategic management.</p>	
Program Structure	<p>Semesters: fall and spring, with some courses available in the summer</p> <p>18-24 months for full-time students 30-42 months for part-time students</p> <p>49 credits required for degree (mix of 1-, 1.5-, and 3-credit courses)</p> <p>52 credits required for students who have not worked in the healthcare field. A 3-credit internship completes this requirement.</p> <p>Optional 1-week Global Travel Seminar</p>	<p>Semesters: fall and spring, with some courses available in the summer</p> <p>10-16 months for full-time students 16-28 months for part-time students</p> <p>31-55 credits required for degree (mix of 1- and 3-credit courses)</p> <p>Optional 1-week Global Travel Seminar</p>	<p>Semesters: fall and spring, with some courses available in the summer</p> <p>18-24 months for full-time students 30-42 months for part-time students</p> <p>49 credits required for degree (mix of 1-, 1.5-, and 3-credit courses)</p> <p>Optional 1-week Global Travel Seminar</p>
Highlights	<p>Curriculum reflects critical issues in leadership, financial management, operations, quality and patient safety, health policy, and strategic management.</p> <p>Aims to develop competencies identified as essential to success in healthcare leadership and management.</p> <p>Flexibility permits students to adapt course plan to personal goals, with electives from the healthcare, public administration, and business programs.</p>	<p>Includes the strengths of MBA core courses.</p> <p>Accelerated programs for prior business majors</p> <p>Option to take some MBA courses online</p> <p>Flexibility permits students to adapt course plan to personal goals, with electives from the healthcare, public administration, and business programs.</p> <p>Evening and Saturday courses allow students to work during the day.</p>	<p>Curriculum reflects critical issues in policy, financial management, operations, quality and safety, and strategic management.</p> <p>Aims to develop competencies identified as essential to success in health policy leadership and management.</p> <p>Ability to adapt course plan to personal goals with electives from the healthcare, public administration, and business programs.</p> <p>Mentor Program</p>

	<p>Evening and Saturday courses allow students to work during the day.</p> <p>First-year students participate in Healthcare Mentor Program.</p> <p>For all MHA students, other benefits include the following:</p> <p>International Healthcare Students Group</p> <p>Institute for Healthcare Improvement Student Chapter</p> <p>Prominent speakers</p> <p>Professional-development workshops</p> <p>Networking opportunities</p>	<p>First-year students participate in Healthcare Mentor Program.</p> <p>For all MBA/Health students, other benefits include the following:</p> <p>International Healthcare Students Group</p> <p>Institute for Healthcare Improvement Student Chapter</p> <p>Prominent speakers</p> <p>Professional-development workshops</p> <p>Networking opportunities</p>	<p>Prominent speakers and networking events</p> <p>Evening and Saturday courses to allow students to work during the day.</p>
Location of courses	<p>Boston</p>	<p>All MBA courses are offered in Boston. Some are offered in North Andover. Some are offered online.</p> <p>Students in North Andover must take all healthcare administration courses in Boston.</p>	<p>Boston</p> <p>Cape Cod – with healthcare courses in Boston</p>